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SUBJ: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IS FOLLOWING REUTERS DESPATCH DATE-LINED SYDNEY, QUOTING PRIME MINISTER LEE ON ABOVE SUBJECT.

2. QUOTE: SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER MR. LEE KUAN YEW SAID TODAY HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE REVERSALS SUFFERED BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES WOULD POSE ANY THREAT TO HIS COUNTRY.

3. QUOTE: SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT SYDNEY AIRPORT FOLLOWING A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER MR. GOUGH WHITLAM, MR. LEE DESCRIBED THE DOMINO THEORY AS "OLD HASH" AND SAID NO USEFUL PURPOSE COULD BE SERVED BY APPLYING IT TO THE PRESENT SITUATION.

4. QUOTE: MR. LEE SAID VIETNAM HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT HIS TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH MR. WHITLAM, BUT HE DECLINED TO REVEAL ANY DETAILS OF THE TALKS.

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5. QUOTE: MR. LEE, WHO STOPPED OFF IN SYDNEY ON HIS WAY TO NEW ZEALAND TO BEGIN AN OFFICIAL VISIT, SAID THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM WHICH IT WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO PROVIDE.

6. QUOTE: SINGAPORE WOULD TRY TO MOVE PEOPLE FROM POINT A TO POINT B IF IT COULD BE DONE SAFELY, HE SAID, "BUT SINGAPORE IS NOT THE POINT B. THIS IS NOT THE REQUEST."

7. QUOTE: MR. LEE SAID HIS HEART BLED "LIKE YOURS WOULD" FOR THE PEOPLE NOT EVACUATED FROM VIETNAM AND LEFT TO THE VIET CONG.

8. QUOTE: UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU BELIEVE LIKE THE INSCRUTABLE AMERICANS THAT THE VIETNAMESE DON'T CRY. UNQUOTE.
END OF ARTICLE. CRONK

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